(b) Agreed minutes signed at the end of the talks contains measures to strengthen collaboration in areas such as political, defence, economic, culture, science and technology.

**Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group meeting**

2635. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group Meeting was held in last May in London; and

(b) if so, the decisions taken therein, especially to combat cross-border terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVUAY SINGH): (a) and (b) A meeting of the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group was held in London from 19-20 May, 2003. Cross-border terrorism was not on the agenda of the meeting.

**Government's role in Sri Lankan peace process**

2636. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a senior Sri Lankan Tamil Leader has appealed to India to exert pressure on the International Community for democratizing the on-going peace process in the Island by including other Tamil groups instead of talking only to the LTTE, indirectly requesting India to get involved in the peace process; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the policy of our Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) and (b) Various Sri Lankan Tamil Leaders have expressed their views and concerns on the peace process in Sri Lanka to India. Government of India's policy consists of a three-fold commitment to the unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Sri Lanka, and to the restoration of a lasting peace, through a peaceful, negotiated settlement that meets the just aspirations of all elements of Sri Lankan society.